

## Title (en)

Method and apparatus for flexible frame processing and classification engine

## Title (de)

Verfahren und Vorrichtung für ein flexibles Rahmenverarbeitungs und Klassifikationssystem

## Title (fr)

Procédé et appareil de traitement flexible de trames et système de classification

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## Abstract (en)

A method of handling data packets in a network device and an apparatus for handling data packets in a network device are disclosed. The method includes receiving an incoming data packet and the incoming data packet is parsed to obtain a portion of the incoming data packet. That portion is compared with rules stored in a rule table (100), where each rule (101,102,103) specifies a set of actions. A match between the portion and a particular rule (101,102,103) of the rules is selected and a particular set of actions (111,112,113), specified by that particular rule (101,102,103) is executed. Each rule (101,102,103) includes a mask, a selection flag and a validity check that are used in the comparison of the portion with each rule. The rules may be compared with the packet portion serially or in a parallel fashion and if more than one rule (101,102,103) matches the portion, the highest priority is selected as the matching rule. <IMAGE>

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